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CURRENT VERSION OF GED TEST TO EXPIRE AT END OF 2013

*WTJX and GED testing centers in the Virgin Islands encourage adults
to finish and pass before test deadlines*

The Virgin Islands Public Television System, WTJX-TV Channel 12, announces that the current version of the GED test will expire at the end of 2013. The current version, known as the 2002 Series GED test, will be replaced with the new 2014 GED test on January 2, 2014.

Those who have taken the 2002 Series GED test, but have not passed all five parts, have until the end of 2013 to pass or they will need to start over again in 2014 with the new GED test in order to receive their high school equivalent credential.

"The GED test opens doors to college, better jobs, the respect adults deserve, and the satisfaction of earning a high school equivalent credential," said Osbert Potter, Chief Executive Officer of WTJX-TV, Channel 12. "We at WTJX support adults' efforts to take and pass the GED by airing GED Connection, weekdays at 11:00 am and 4:30 pm, Saturdays at 9:30 am, and Sundays at 11:00 am on Channel 12/90. GED Connection offers students excellent preparation for the GED exam and for the world beyond. We will be getting new GED Connection episodes in 2014 to support the changing test as well. In the meantime, we want to be sure that everyone is aware that the exam is changing. GED test-takers must act now to finish and pass before the current test expires."

The new 2014 GED test will be based on emerging national and state standards. It will offer dual performance levels where test-takers can earn the high school equivalency credential as well as an additional endorsement that indicates career- and college-readiness. The test will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

"Support is available, right here in the Territory," said Michael Francois, Assistant Director of the

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Career, Technical and Adult Education at the Department of Education. "We can help adult learners get prepared to take the parts of the GED test they still need to pass. We want you to succeed!"

Interested GED test-takers can find more information at finishtheGED.com or contact the Department of Education's Adult Education program at 776-3484 on St. Thomas or 772-3153 on St. Croix.

The last day to take the current version of the GED test in the Virgin Islands is December 11, 2013. "To anyone who has already started the GED test, your future is calling. By passing the GED test, you can answer that call," said Randy Trask, president and CEO of GED Testing Service. "You owe it to yourself. Don't miss the chance to turn one small step into your next big opportunity in life."

The GED test has opened doors to better jobs and college programs for more than 18 million graduates since 1942. Last year nearly 800,000 adults sat for the GED test, which is accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and employers. As the creator of the official GED test, GED Testing Service has a responsibility to ensure that the program continues to be a reliable and valuable pathway to a better life for the millions of adults without a high school credential. Learn more at GEDtestingservice.com.